

Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee (RICC)

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2006

12:00 – 12:30 New Business

Introductions

Members Present - Lori Wentz, Cheryl Anderson, Elaine LaPlante, Trish Getz, Merrill Fahlstrom, Gilda Lubinski, Tammy Brumfield, Wanda Schweiger, Shonda Wild, Lisa Nauman, Kimm Sickler, Missi Baranko

Update Committee Member List

Possible new members - possible new members (Edna Keller and two parents) - the committee approved adding these new members. Lisa suggested Kim Flohr for a daycare provider to add to the membership. She will contact Kim and get back to Missi on it.

Reimbursement Forms for Parents

Training Information

Crossroads - Members shared info from the Crossroads conference. Some of the favorite sessions were: Dr. Kevin Fire's presentations, Feeding issues, info received on late talkers versus children with speech disorders.

QIP/IFSP in Bismarck - Jill, Gilda, Tammy, and Missi will be attending this on December 14th and 15th. They will be learning more about the IFSP review team, the new Quality Improvement Plan, and the data we will be receiving.

Robin McWilliams (Grandforks) (Feb. 26-27) - we will share more information when we receive it.

K.I.D.S. Program Update

Staffing Update - Sheila Walter left the KIDS program in November. She will be working for Stark County as their Childcare licenser. The new position has not been filled or advertised yet. There is consideration for a part time position to be filled by a PT or OT.

Numbers Update - Currently serving between 64-67 kids. This has remained steady for about 6 months now.

Funding - Currently there are funding issues for many of the programs throughout the state. Some of the regional directors have met to look at how to resolve this issue. There is a meeting on December 14th for the directors of Early Intervention Programs to meet to discuss funding methodology, funds available and budget impact on quality of early intervention programs.

Right Track Program Update

Numbers Screened - Kimm did not have exact numbers of current screenings and referrals. She shared that they did go from screening 120-140 a month to 42 allowed at this time. She also shared that they have been informed that not all regions have used their funds available for the Right Track Program. This will be looked at again in March and this "extra" money will possibly be allocated to other regions in the state that need it.

Staffing Update - due to the funding cuts, Region 8 Right Track program let go of 2 of staff members, other regions also had to let go of staff.

West River Student Services Update - See last page.

ECC Update - Elaine and Cheryl shared that they just had a review and there were no findings. They said that one of the members who came on the review had been doing them for over 20 years and had never seen a Headstart setting with no findings.

There was discussion that it would be beneficial for all agencies attending to give an update at each meeting (West River, ECC, Rehab Services, Rehab Visions) We look forward to sharing that information at the February meeting.

Info from Bernie

Fort Berthold will be unable to attend this meeting but we'll see you at the next meeting

Please remind the group about our March Mass Screening as we will need help in developmental screenings, physicals, vision and hearing for both infants and toddlers. Any help will be greatly appreciated. The dates are March 12 and 13, 2006. Anyone interested in helping if they could let us know by contacting us at 627-4113 or emailing me, I would certainly appreciate it. Kim usually helps us by notifying her contacts-please let her know if she is present at this meeting. The last time we tried to reach her she was on travel. Thanks.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy Holiday to you and your loved ones. Also, please express the same greetings to all of our RICC members and their families.

Stay warm.

Bernie

RICC Parent Subcommittee Update - no current update

Experienced Parent Update - Missi updated the committee about the new requirements for the Experienced Parents. They will now be required to be part of the IFSP review team and also part of the Family Outcome Surveys

Indicators - The following indicators were discussed in length about what they mean to the program. When we receive the new QIP format we will be going over these indicators again along with the most current regional data.

Compliance = 100%

1. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who receive the early intervention services on their IFSPs in a timely manner
7. Percent of eligible infants and toddlers with IFSPs for whom an evaluation and assessment and an initial IFSP meeting were conducted within Part C's 45 day timeline.
8. Percent of all children exiting Part C who received timely transition planning to support the child's transition to preschool and other appropriate community services by their third birthday including:
 - A. IFSPs with transition steps and services; and
 - B. Notification to LEA, if child potentially eligible for Part B; and
 - C. Transition conference, if child potentially eligible for Part B

***State is really paying attention at how Part B and Part C "Play Together"*

9. General supervision system (including monitoring, complaints, hearings, etc.) identifies and corrects noncompliance as soon as possible but in no case later than one year from identification.

Determinations – ranking states into categories

1. Great
2. Good
3. Need Help
4. Need Intensive Support

***States will use this determination system with local programs.*

Part C Regs will be out late winter or early spring

10. Percent of signed written complaints with reports issued that were resolved within 60-day timeline or a timeline extended for exceptional circumstances with respect to a particular complaint

11. Percent of fully adjudicated due process hearing requests that were fully adjudicated within the applicable timeline

14. State reported data (618 and State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report) are timely and accurate

Performance = Improvement

2. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who primarily receive early intervention services in their home or programs for typically developing children

5. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 1 with IFSPs compared to:

A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and

B. National data. *ND is a leading state in children served under the age of 1*

6. Percent of infants and toddlers birth to 3 with IFSPs compared to:

A. Other States with similar eligibility definitions; and

B. National data

2000 1.55 %

2005 3.02%

Dec 1 2006 3.3%

***Want to make sure that we find the kids early and are finding the right kids.*

13. Percent of mediations held that resulted in mediation agreements

New = Plan

3. Percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:

A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);

B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/communication); and

C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs

4. Percent of families participating in Part C who report that early intervention services have helped the family

A. Know their rights;

B. Effectively communicate their children's needs; and

C. Help their children develop and learn

12. Percent of hearing requests that went to resolution sessions that were resolved through resolution session settlement agreements (applicable if Part B due process procedures are adopted).

ND APR is due February 07, will include data and info from July 05-June 05. The Child outcome (Oregon) and the Family Outcome (ECO Survey) will be reported on for dates 7/06-12/06

Other: Cassandra Zietz National Award - Young Persons of America